

EDITORIALS

Super-Government

Governor Brown's announced intention of doing away with several elected state officials, and a number of boards and commissions and concentrating government under a handful of super-agencies points up an alarming trend in the political field.

The trend is not limited to big governments—state and federal—but it is most definitely strong in local governments.

More and more, the operation of government is being put into the hands of the professional administrator and a professional staff who must answer only to the man in power. They are not answerable, through the ballot, to the people whose affairs they govern.

Each time the office of an elected official is abolished and his duties placed in the hands of an appointed bureau, the voice of the people in their own affairs is diminished—their avenues for corrective action lessened.

Efficiency in government is fine—but so is the power of the voter to root out the parts of government which do not represent him faithfully.

The people's right to vote for the several leaders which will govern them should not be jeopardized by a grandiose scheme to elect a "package" government... a government dangerously close to one-man rule.

The Junket Joke

If you think a howl went up when six of the seven members of the Torrance city council packed valises and vouchers and flew off to Boston for a convention last year at city expense, it was nothing compared to the howl which arose over the suggestion by Sen. Everett B. Dirksen of Illinois that the Senate vote itself a junket to Hawaii next Thanksgiving to participate in ceremonies welcoming that island paradise as the Union's 50th state.

The Senator from Illinois now says it was a joke. We can only warn the Senator that he had better watch this trip business, or someone will begin calling him "Buckskin," a fate which has befallen one of our city councilmen. You know... like on TV. "Have voucher, will travel."

Opinions of Others

Oklahoma's legislature took a major step forward in the field of guaranteeing the public's "right to know" what its units of government do. It passed an open-meeting law.

This law makes it mandatory for government bodies of all public agencies to transact their business in open meetings. Failure to comply is punishable by a jail sentence.

Violations of the open-meeting principle do not occur every day. Most public officials are responsible and recognize the public's need and right to know of public actions. However, they do occur, and one instance is too many.—*Laurel (Miss.) Leader-Call.*

The Postmaster General's drive against mail obscenity is catching on.

Indictments, convictions, and raids of "filth factories" turning out dirty pictures, circulars, etc., to flood American homes are resulting from work of postal inspectors.—*Georgetown (Ky.) Times.*

In our own view, public relief for strikers is more a question of principle than expediency. Academically, it must be assumed that (a) a striker doesn't want to work, or (b) his union won't let him. In the former case, he has no claim on public support; and in the latter, he is clearly the union's responsibility.—*Wyethville (Va.) Enterprise.*

The preventive for nosebleed is keeping it out of other people's business... This is the age of speed. We do everything faster than our parents did—except pay our bills... Some girls would look much more spic if they had less span... A good wife makes a good husband... One way to drown out the still small voice in the night is to get up and give it a drink of water... A man can say what he pleases at home because nobody pays any attention to him anyway.—*Sherbrooke (Province of Quebec) Telegram.*

We are not sure we are acquainted with all the facts in the Louisiana governor's troubles... but we'll venture this much: If every governor who talks too much was put in a state institution... there'd be quite a few lieutenant governors in the driver's seat.—*Howard (S. D.) Miner County Pioneer.*

REMEMBER THOSE GOLDEN EGGS!



American Constitution Will Be 172 Years Old Thursday

Just 172 years ago next Thursday, our United States Constitution was signed by 39 American patriots. Thus was created a republic form of government which has endured and grown in stature in the eyes of mankind throughout the years.

While freedom was not new to man, the Constitution and the first 10 amendments added to it in December 1791, was the first attempt to prepare a written Constitution specifically limiting Government from interference with the freedom of the individual. The creators of the Constitution and the members of the First Congress were only expressing the will of the majority of the people when they created a limited republic which was to be the servant, not the master, of the people.

Then as now, there were those who would not fight for freedom. Many of the colonists did not desire to be separated from the mother country.

Then as now, there were all too few who were willing to assume the responsibilities that are inherent in the maintenance of any freedom.

Then as now, there were those who believed there was no difference between a strong National Government and the home rule government afforded by the smaller boundary states and their even smaller political subdivisions.

This belief of course is the greatest fallacy of all, for man inherently is a seeker of power — an item that is much easier to obtain where

government is carried on far from the people than where it is at the city hall or meeting house level.

After enumerating in the Constitution those limited areas in which the National Government could act, the Ninth and Tenth Amendments were even more decisive by declaring that those powers not specifically granted to the National Government should be retained by the people or the states. We had just won our freedom from England whose rulers had attempted by decree to deprive the colonists of their rights to freedom and home rule. This fact had much to do with the tenor of the Constitution.

This was 172 years ago — 172 years of freedom. Do we appreciate our freedom and the Constitution which has given it to us? The majority of us take it for granted as peoples of other nations have done before us. We cannot afford to do this, for the freedoms of those people and indeed most of those nations are now but history.

Our Constitution by recognizing that complete freedom of the individual was essential for the greatest accomplishments and by restraining the Government from interference with those freedoms has provided incentive to all Americans since the formation of our country to do a better job, that we may produce and earn more, that we may live better.

It is this encouragement of free enterprise that has made

the United States the great nation it is today.

Why not read your Constitution again and freshen your knowledge and belief in this freedom-giving document. At the same time, show your belief in the Constitution by displaying the symbol of our country, the Stars and Stripes, on the Anniversary date of our Constitution.

School Menu

Sept. 14 to 18

MONDAY... Chopped steak, mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrot salad, wheat bread, butter, peach Melba and milk.

TUESDAY... Egg salad sandwiches on wheat bread, buttered broccoli, tossed green salad, watermelon wedges, peanut butter cookie and milk.

WEDNESDAY... Garden special, Ambrosia salad, hot biscuits, honey butter, raisin rice custard and milk.

THURSDAY... Hamburger on a bun, mustard relish, buttered garden peas, tomato wedges, apple sauce and milk.

FRIDAY... Oven grilled fish, tartar sauce, buttered banana squash, creamy cole slaw, raisin butter fingers, fruit cup, milk.

Police Chief Urges Careful Driving

Fall is here, the days are getting shorter, and children are back in school... so please drive carefully.

This was the plea this week of Police Chief Percy Bennett.

The chief said, "Most of our children are trained in the home as in school what is expected of them as pedestrians. However we as motorists must not take them for granted. We who drive must drive defensively. Always look for the unexpected."

The Chief urged motorists to follow these rules:

1. Drive at the posted speed limits.
2. Obey all traffic signs and lights.
3. Give the right-of-way to pedestrians in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
4. Be alert for bicycle riders.
5. Be alert when passing another vehicle as that vehicle may be obstructing another vehicle.
6. Be on the alert for school buses displaying flashing red lights, which means to bus is about to discharge passengers. Motorists must stop and remain stopped as long as any school bus displays flashing



PREVIEW... Stan Musial (second from right), St. Louis Cardinal star, takes a look at the Los Angeles Area Community Chest poster prior to speaking at the Catholic Maritime Club luncheon recently. Getting in on the preview are (from left) Jim Becker, area chairman; D. Pat Ahern, Long Beach councilman and president of the host club; and Frode B. Kilstofte, advance gifts chairman for the Chest.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Recipe for a Barbecue

I have a low threshold for heat, and Friday was hotter than a clumsy baker's apron.

It was a long, long day for me and I really didn't come out of it until long after the Dodgers had hung a goose egg on Elroy Face's pitching record, and then won another tilt to creep with half a game of the National League leadership.

These hot days, however, really put me to the challenge.

about a trip a scout troop made recently which one of the mothers had asked me about earlier. Looked... got to thinking about mountain hikes, tall pines, redwoods, mountain streams, fresh air — put off search until a cooler time.

Too early for another iced coffee... too early to quit and go home... thought about swimming pool again, and suddenly realized the notes I had said they planned to close it Oct. 4.

Now October is traditionally a hot month in Torrance, I thought... so I looked it up. Right! Except for 1957, all recent Octobers have had several days of weather in the 100s, lots of them in the 90s.

Made a note to call Harry Van Bellehem and Al Pell and suggest that maybe the pool closing should be kind of a flexible thing — like when the first snow comes.

By then it was time for another iced coffee, worked on a couple of headlines, turned some copy back to the printers... what a long afternoon.

Oh, well! It's almost 5 anyway, so off to home.

How long has it been since you... cranked a car... asked the butcher for some liver to go craw-dad fishing... used a dipstick to check the gasoline in your car... fixed a flat... carried out wash water... scraped off toast... filled lamps... hung storm windows... cured your own hams... shopped for silk hose... used a collapsible cup... and a thousand other things now in the dim, dim past?

I don't know about you, but I could do without drippy-voiced ladies who call me on the phone with the exciting news that I've been chosen from a "select" group (the telephone book) to receive some magazine I never heard of, or a combination of the same, absolutely free for six months. All I have to do is... that's about where I leave them.

LAW IN ACTION

All About Bail

Under both the federal and state constitutions no court can set "excessive bail." As a rule, courts set bail, which is a forfeit and not a punishment, to make sure the accused appears for trial.

One California court of appeal found one judge had set bail too high in order to punish a man accused of drunk driving for asking for a jury trial. The appeals court reduced the bail from \$500 to \$25. The facts: The man came to court charged with being drunk in a public place. "Not guilty," he said. "Do you want to know what my policy is," the judge asked, "if you plead not guilty, and demand a jury trial, and then the jury finds you guilty?" "I'd like to know," said the man. "Well, you are going to get 90 days in jail." Then the judge set bail for

I could also do without... one-eyed traffic signals... car-wrecking intersection ditches... freeway traffic... sirens on empty streets at 3 a.m... motorcycle races... in fact, motorcycles... cabbage, turnips, and cauliflower... ball park hot dogs... once-in-a-lifetime vacuum cleaner opportunities... modern paintings... three-lane roads... lady wrestlers... lawnmowers most speeches... TV reruns... many TV first runs... the first 40 "hits" on the weekly record survey... Sunday drivers... movies with messages... and a thousand other things.

Let's just think I could do without most things, let me hasten to add that I am passionate for rare steaks... classical violin music... honky-tonk piano... pumpkin pie... lake fishing... coffee in the open in the morning... Utrillo scenes... angel food cake... fresh well water... crossword puzzles... Perry Mason... fireplaces on rainy nights... midnight snacks... Navy beans, raw onions, and catsup on cornbread... blonds (I've got four in my house)... Christmas... two-horse parlays... Sunday dinners in general... train travel... the view from a high hill... heavy cars... heated swimming pools... and green — anything green: grass, shirts, salads, eyes, hoes, dresses, cars, socks, signs, pears, and after-dinner stomach-settlers.

And, if I didn't have a taste for groundbreaking, I've certainly been making the wrong rounds for the past couple of weeks. Man!

The Old Timer

"There's nothing like the clanging of an alarm clock to remind you that the best part of the day is over."

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1- Lance, 2- Warts, 11- Kite, 13- European herb, 14- A state (abbr.), 15- Restricts, 17- River in Italy, 18- African antelope, 20- Laughing (pl.), 21- Sicilian volcano, 24- Cover, 25- Containers, 28- Harbinger, 28- Attitude, 29- Ventilates, 30- Male sheep (pl.), 31- Stuff, 32- Australian marsupial, 34- Academic subjects, 35- Small lump, 36- Calumny, 38- Cheer, 39- Bundled, 41- Vessel's curved banking, 42- Cyprioid fish, 43- Clothes-makers, 45- Negative, 46- One most advanced in years, 48- Stage signal call on trumpet, 50- Sore, 51- Laments. DOWN: 1- Kind of cloth, 2- Kick, serving as base for statue, 3- Babylonian deity, 4- Girl's name, 5- Raise, 6- Salamander, 7- Abstract being, 8- Printer's measure, 9- Testify, 10- Hinders, 12- Quavers, 13- Affectation, 15- Fowl, 19- Discover, 21- Servants, 22- Solo, 25- Toothed instruments, 27- Limb, 28- Knave at cards, 29- Cowboy competitors, 31- Baby's bed, 32- Stone fence, 35- Underground passage, 34- Sign of zodiac, 35- Linger, 37- Hindu sheep, 38- Peasants, 39- Edible fish, 40- Delimited, 43- Spread for drying, 44- Neighbor, 47- Pretext, down, 49- Symbolic nickel.